

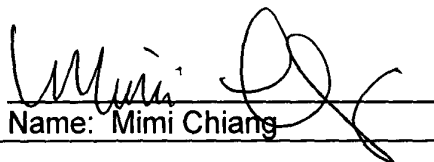


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 4/14/03. No extension of time is needed.

To being with, Applicant cancels claims 1 - 14 and adds claims 15 - 54. Applicant elects Group II, drawn to a method for improving vaccination, wherein the method of disrupting sex steroid mediated signaling to the thymus is through administration of pharmaceuticals. In connection with the restriction requirement, Applicant believes all of the newly added claims fall within the elected group, Group II.